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NEWS SUMMARY

A jury today convicted Steven Parr (d/o/b 11/12/64, of Janesville, WI) on a charge of threatening to blow up a federal building in Milwaukee. The evidence presented during the four-day trial in federal court in Milwaukee included testimony that the defendant idolized Timothy McVeigh, studied bomb-making books, and previously constructed small explosive devices. According to the testimony, in September 2004, just days before the defendant was to be released from state custody on an unrelated marijuana charge, he told his cellmate that he had a plan to explode a truck bomb at the Ruess Federal Plaza building in Milwaukee at an undetermined time in the future. In a subsequent secretly-recorded conversation, the defendant said that he picked that federal building because it was a predominantly glass structure and was close to the street.

The defendant faces up to life in prison. No sentencing date has been scheduled and the defendant remains in custody.

The case was prosecuted by United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic and investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with assistance from the Department of Homeland Security.

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